

**Minutes**  
**Ogden Dunes Environmental Advisory Board**  
**March 25, 2013**

The Environmental Board met on 25 March 2013 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Susan MiHalo, John Morris, Bob Cattani, Judy Mollway, Sharon Guy, and Tom Clouser.

The first order of business was the Beach Water Quality Monitoring and Grant Administration Contracts. Discussion centered on the differences from the previous years. The predictive model is no longer being used, partly because of funding, but also because the model does not work well in the dry conditions that prevailed last summer. With no predictive model, there is no need for turbidity or the sampling from Burns Waterway. Additional sampling days were added, so that sampling is now done five days per week.

Judy moved to accept the contracts; John seconded. The motion carried. Now, they shall go to the Town Clerk/Treasurer for approval.

Judy moved to accept the IDEM Beach Monitoring Grant contract; Sharon seconded. The motion carried.

Septic education was the next topic. Judy reported that the County does not require septic certification for existing homes, only for new construction. Certification is available if the owner requests it. The standard is no liquid on the surface. The brochure from West Virginia was proposed to be added to water bill mailing. John will talk to Jim Kopp about this. Judy will see to printing copies. Information will also be placed on the Town website. A post card was proposed to be sent to residents to alert them to information found on the website. Sue will talk to John and Lauren Defaw about this. A possible septic awareness week in April after water bills are distributed was proposed. The idea is to ensure residents know where their septic tank is, and how often it should be pumped.

Recycling was discussed in the context of education. Judy proposed educating the children of the town during the summer at the Portage Lakefront Site, where such a program already exists. The idea is that the children would then educate the parents. A grant might be necessary to accomplish this.

Regarding Long Lake Marsh, either a controlled burn or mowing is needed this spring. Eric Kurtz was called into the room, and said he would apply for a burn permit, but just in case Susan said she needed up to \$150 of the Environmental Board budget to pay for someone to mow both the edge and in or the marsh itself with a bush hog. Sharon so moved, Bob seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Morris

ODEAB Secretary

